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For: FLOW CYTOMETRY FOR HIGH
THROUGHPUT SCREENING

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 28, 2001, the period of response to which is set to expire on June 28, 2001. Please amend the above-captioned application, without prejudice or disclaimer, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, as shown in the following accompanying document: Appendix A: Amendments in Redline Form.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Amended) A flow cytometry apparatus for the detection of particles from a plurality of samples comprising:

means for moving the plurality of samples comprising particles from a plurality of respective source wells into a fluid flow stream;

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